

Establishment of an academic and research network under the CTBTO umbrella

Science in the modern world is increasingly interdisciplinary. The CTBT: Science and Technology conference is a great example with its five sections. In order to broaden and strengthen the engagement of the scientific communities working in the monitoring ban test, including young scientists, and to enhance the geographic and gender representations of these communities, there is a strong need for a suitable platform for partnership through which CTBTO, educational and research institutions, as well as other stakeholders to cooperate and to promote the core mandate's objectives of the CTBT and additional sustainable social and economic goals. My proposal to CTBTO governing bodies is to prepare the establishment of an academic and research network under the CTBTO umbrella which can serve in the best way to the goals of the organization. Best practices of other organizations might be used. IAEA for example has several academic, research and training networks – among them INSEN (International Nuclear Security Educational Network) and NSSC Network (Nuclear Security Support Centers Network). Similar networks exist at OSCE, EU European network of independent non-proliferation think tanks in support of the implementation of the European Union strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, UNODC ACAD network, etc.

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